

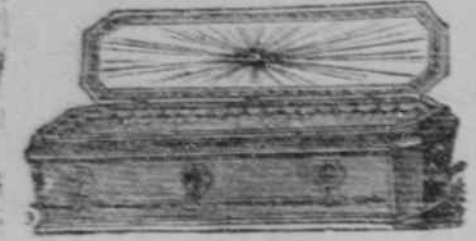
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Relics from Babylon.
The German scientific expedition
under Dr. Koldeweys has discovered
in Babylon the ancient "procession"
road of Marduk, says a Berlin cor-
respondent. The large limestone flags
of the roadway bear the inscription
of Nebuchadnezzar and are inlaid
with smaller squares of red and white
stone. The German scientists state
that the temple discovered last May
in the interior of the Amurru hill is
the famous national temple of the
Babylonians, known to history under
the name of Esagila. These discov-
eries will give the key to many ques-
tions concerning the topography of
Babylon.—N. Y. Sun.

Picnicking in Midwinter.
Do you think you would enjoy a mid-
winter picnic? The picnicers tramp
through the snow at night into the
country. A hot brushwood fire behind
some windbreak makes every one com-
fortable. The last bit of chill is driven
from the revelers by steaming coffee,
boiled over the embers and drunk from
tin cups. The appetite aroused by the
tramp and the queer scene, is fed with
toasted sandwiches. This comfort and
coziness in the midst of glittering ice
and snow and frosty air is said to be
very enjoyable.—Little Chronicle.

Sweet Things.
"What sweet dears they are," said
Blanche to Mildred, referring to a
squad of West Point cadets.
"No doubt they have all qualified at
mess hall by eating a gallon of mol-
asses," added Mildred, who had been
reading the proceedings of the hazing
investigation.—Detroit Free Press.

CHRISTIAN HEROISM.

**Dr. Talmage Praises It and Tells
of Its Great Rewards.**

**How the Lord Jesus Will Remember
the Faithful Soldier of the Cross
—Heroes and Martyrs of
Everyday Life.**

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Washington, Feb. 24.

In this discourse Dr. Talmage
praises Christian heroism and tells of
great rewards. The text is Galatians
vi, 17, "I bear in my body the marks
of the Lord Jesus."
We hear much about crowns,
thrones, victories, but I now tell the
more quiet story of scars, honorable
and dishonorable. There are in all
parts of the world people bearing
dishonorable scars. They went into
the battle of sin and were worsted,
and to their dying day they will have
a scarification of body or mind or
soul. It cannot be hidden. There are
tens of thousands of men and women
now consecrated to God and living
holy lives who were once corrupt;
but they have been regenerated, and
they are no more what they once
were than rubescence is emaciation,
than balm is vitriol, than noonday is
midnight. But in their depleted phys-
ical health or mental twist or style
of temptation they are ever and anon
reminded of the obnoxious past. They
have a memory that is deplorable.
In some twinge of pain or some
tendency to surrender to the wrong
they have an unwholesome remin-
iscence. They carry scars, deep scars,
ignoble scars.

But Paul in my text shows us a
scarification which is a badge of hon-
orable and self-sacrificing service.
He had in his weak eyes the result
of too much study and in his body,
bent and worn, the signature of
scourgings and shipwrecks and mal-
treatment by mobs. In my text he
shows those scars as he declares, "I
bear in my body the marks of the
Lord Jesus." Notice that it is not
wounds, but scars, and a scar is a
well defined upon the flesh the in-
flammation must have departed and
right circulation must have been
restored and new tissue must have
been formed. It is a permanent in-
dentation of the flesh—a cleatix.
Paul did well to show those scars.
They were positive and undisputed
proofs that with all his body, mind
and soul he believed what he said.
They were his diploma, showing that
he had graduated from the school of
hardship for Christ. They were cre-
dentials proving his right to lead in
the world's evangelization.

Men are not ashamed of scars got
in battle for their country. No
American is embarrassed when you
ask him: "Where did you get that
gash across your forehead?" and he
can answer: "That was from a saber
cut at San Juan." When you ask
some German: "Where did you lose
your right arm?" he is not ashamed
to say: "I lost it at Sedan." When
you ask an Italian: "Where did you
lose your eye?" he is not annoyed
when he can answer: "I suffered that
in the last battle under our glorious
Gen. Garibaldi." But I remind you
of the fact that there are scars not
got in war which are just as illus-
trious. We had in this country years
ago an eminent advocate who was
called into the presidential cabinet
as attorney general. In midlife he
was in a Philadelphia courtroom en-
gaged in an important trial. The at-
torney on the opposite side of the
case got irritated and angry and in
most brutal manner referred to the
distinguished lawyer's disfigured
face, a face more deeply scarred than
any face I ever saw. The legal hero
of whom I am speaking in his clos-
ing argument said: "Gentlemen of
the jury, when I was a little child I
was playing with my sister in the
nursery, and her clothes caught fire,
and I ran to her to put out the fire.
I succeeded, but I myself took fire,
and before it was extinguished my
face was awfully burned and as black
as the heart of the scoundrelly coun-
sel who on the other side of the case
has referred to my misfortune." The
eminent attorney of whom I speak
carried all his life the honorable scar
of his sister's rescue. Albert Barnes,
the most distinguished of all com-
mentators, unless it be Matthew
Henry, for years at four o'clock in
the morning might have been seen
going from his house in Philadelphia
to his study in the church and in
those early hours and before break-
fast to give all those wonderful com-
mentaries, a theological library in
himself. He said that as he was
pastor he felt bound to give all the
rest of each day to work connected
with his pastorate. But at what a
ruinous draft upon his eyesight he
did that early morning work, first by
candlelight and then by gaslight!
When he got through those won-
derful volumes of Scriptural exposition,
Albert Barnes was a blind man.
Sears, illustrious scars, on his extin-
guished eyesight!

People think they must look for
martyrs on battlefields or go through
a history to find burnings at the
stake and tortures on racks when
there are martyrs all about us. At
this time in this capital city there are
scores of men wearing themselves
out in the public service. In ten
years they will not have a healthy
nerve left in their body. In com-
mittee rooms, in consultations that
involve the welfare of the nation, un-
der the weight of great responsibil-
ities, their vitality is being subtracted.
In almost every village of the country
you find some broken down state or
national official. After exhausting
himself in the public service, rough
American politics kicks him out of
congress or cabinet or legislative hall

stone. When Gladstone was 83 years
of age, I ran with him up and down
the hills of Hawarden. We started
for a walk, but it got to be a run.
All those men again and again re-
newed their youth.

Some one writes me: "Is not
three-score and ten the bound of
human life, according to the bible?"
My reply is that Moses, not David,
who wrote that psalm, was giving a
statistic of his own day. Through
better understanding of the laws of
health and advancement of medical
science the statistics of longevity
have mightily changed since the time
of Moses, and the day is coming when
a nonagenarian will no longer be a
wonder. Phlebotomy shortened the
life of whole generations, and the
lancet that bled for everything is now
rarely taken from the doctor's pocket.
Dentistry has given power of healthy
mastication to the human race and
thus added greatly to the prolonga-
tion of life. Electric lights have im-
proved human sight, which used to
be strained by the dim tallow candle.
The dire diseases which under other
names did their fatal work and were
considered almost incurable, now in
majority of cases are conquered.
Vaccination, which has saved millions
of lives and balked the greatest
scourge of nations, and surgery,
which has advanced more than any
other science, have done more than
can be told for the prolongation of
human life. The X ray has turned
the human body, which was opaque,
into a lighted castle. It is easier in
this age to renew one's youth than in
any other age. When Paul stopped
the jailer from suicide by command-
ing, "Do thyself no harm," he showed
himself interested in the physical as
well as moral life of man. Among
the blessings which God promised was
that in which he said, "With long
life will I satisfy thee," and David,
in my text, illustrates the possibility
of pallagenesis or rejuvenescence.

But the body is the smallest and least
important part of you. It is your soul
that most needs rejuvenation, but you
will also help bodily vivification. In or-
der to do this, I advise you to banish as
far as possible all fretfulness out of
your life. The doing of that will make
you ten years younger. I know many
good Christian people who are worry-
ing themselves out in managing the af-
fairs of the universe. They have un-
dertaken too big a job. They are trying to
drive too long and fiery a team. They
have all the affairs of church and state
on hand, and they fret about this, and
fret about that, and fret about the other
thing. They fear that China will be
divided up among the nations and there
will be an entanglement causing wars
such as we have never heard of. They
fear that Edward VII. will not be as
wise a king as his mother was a queen.
They are appalled at the accumulated
national debt. They fear society is go-
ing to pieces by reason of immoralities.
They apprehend that America will be
overcrowded with foreigners. They say
the newspapers are getting so bad that
this country is going to be utterly de-
moralized. They are all the time ap-
prehensive of social and religious and
political calamities, and it is telling on
their mental health, depressing their
physical health, and instead of renew-
ing their youth like the eagle's, they
are imitating the eagle who would sit
in his nest of sticks lined with grass on
the rock, mourning about the woes of
the ornithological world, the loneliness
of the pelican, the filthiness of the vul-
ture, the croak of the raven, the reck-
lessness of the albatross. Would that
improve things? No. It would be a
molting process for that eagle which
would never close, and it would only get
thinner and more gloomy and less able
to gain food for its young and less able
to enjoy a landscape as it appears under
a 20-mile flight on a summer morning
under the blue heavens.

I do not advise you to be indifferent to
these great questions that pertain to
church and state and nations, but not to
fret about them. Realize that it is not
an anarchy that has charge of affairs in
this world, but a Divine government. At
the head of this universe is a King
whose eyes is omniscience and whose
arm is omnipotence and whose heart
is infinite love. His government is not
going to be a failure. He cannot be de-
feated. Better trust Him in the man-
agement of His world and of all worlds.
All you and I have to do is to accom-
plish the work that is put in our hands.
That is all that we have to be respon-
sible for. In a well managed orchestra
the players upon stringed instruments
do not watch each other. The cornetist
does not look to see how the violinist
is drawing the bow over the strings,
nor does the flute scrutinize the drum.
They all watch the baton of the leader.
And we are all carrying our part, how-
ever insignificant it may be, in the
great harmony of this world and of
the universe which our Lord is leading,
and we all have to watch His command
and do our best and not bother our-
selves about the success or failure of
other performers. If you want to re-
new your youth, better stop managing
the affairs of the universe.

Mythology tells us that Jason begged
Medea, the goddess, to take some of the
years of his life and give them to his
father. She promised that without ab-
brexiating the son's life she would
prolong his father's life. She filled the
caldron with herbs and the blood of
beasts and birds and then stirred the
caldron and put some of the juices in
the mouth of the aged father, and it is
said that his hair turned from white to
black, the shriveled limbs rounded into
robust health and the rejuvenated man
felt as he did at 40 years of age. All
that is a poetic myth. But a brightened
religious hope and a strengthened faith
in God's providence have rejuvenated
many a man in disposition and useful-
ness and renewed his youth like the
eagle's. On the contrary, it is thought
that worriment is becoming in this
country a national disease, and it has
been called "Americanitis."

Another mode of rejuvenescence is
much of the time associating with those
younger than yourself rather than with

those who are as old or older. If you
have no children of your own, better
adopt a child. There are in this coun-
try and in all countries orphans by
the tens of thousands. Go to one of the
asylums or institutions where (frie-
less children are cared for and tel-
some little one with an honest eye and
good disposition and take him to your
home. Put around him all the elevating
and happy influences you can provide.
In two years he will become part of
your life, and his company to you will
be indispensable. It will make you 20
years younger. He will be an illumina-
tion to the evening of your life, and he
will speak your praise long after you
have departed from this world, and in
heavenly places you will have been re-
warded by the great friend of children,
the Lord Jesus.

My text suggests that Heaven is an
eternal youth. A cycle of years will
not leave any mark upon the immortal
nature. Eternity will not work upon
the soul in Heaven any change, unless
it be more radiance and more wisdom
and more rapture. A rolling on from
glory to glory! In anticipation of that
some of the happiest people on earth
are aged Christians. The mightiest
testimonies have been given by the vet-
erans in the Gospel army. While some
of the aged have allowed themselves to
become morose and cynical and im-
patient with youth and pessimistic about
the world, and have become possessed
with the spirit of scold and fault find-
ing, and are fearful of being crowded
out of their sphere, many of the aged
have been glad to step aside that oth-
ers may have a chance and are hopeful
about the world, expecting its redemp-
tion instead of its demolition, and they
are inspiration and comfort and help-
fulness to the household and to the
neighborhood and to the church. The
children hail the good old man as he
comes down the road. His smile, his
words, his manner, his whole life, make
the world think better of religion.

I congratulate all good Christians
that the molting season will soon be
over and you will mount higher than
eagle ever ascended. What a good
thing that you are soon to get rid of
winter's cold and summer's heat,
and drenching rain and hovering
clouds and live in superbest climate
of the universe, whether it be this
world made over as to atmosphere
and contour or in some star which
mighty telescope hails from the ob-
servatory or in some center around
which all worlds wheel. It is all
ready and has been ready, as near
as I can calculate, since 1,871 years
ago, when Christ went up after say-
ing: "I go to prepare a place for
you." What a good thing to get
rid of this world's vicissitudes and
enter upon glorious certainties, and
to have no surprises except those
that are exhilarant as when Milton
may ring a new canto or Chrysostom
may speak with a new eloquence or
Handel may render a new symphony.
For I do not suppose that those who
were mighty on earth are going to
be idlers in Heaven.

I congratulate all Christians who
are in the eventide. Good cheer to
all of you. You are yet to hear the
best songs, see the grandest sights,
take the most delightful journeys,
form the most elevating friendships,
and after 10,000 years of transport
you will be no nearer the last rap-
ture than when you were thrilled with
the first.
In Heaven you will have what most
pleases you. Archbishop Leighton's
desire for Heaven was a longing for
Christ and purity and love, and he
has found there what he wanted.
John Foster rejoiced at the thought
of Heaven because there he could
study the secrets of the universe
without restraint, and he has been
regaling himself in that research.
Southey thought of Heaven as a
place where he would meet with the
learned and the great—Chaucer and
Dante and Shakespeare. He no doubt
has found that style of communion.
The great and good Dr. Dick was
fond of mathematics, and he said he
thought much of the time in Heaven
would be given to that study, and I
have no doubt that since ascension
he has made advancement in that
science. The "12 manner of fruits"
spoken of in Revelation means all
kinds of enjoyment in Heaven, for
12 manner of fruits includes all the
chief fruits that are grown on trees.
I suppose there will be as many
kinds of enjoyment in Heaven as
there will be inhabitants.

You will have in Heaven just what
you want. Are you tired? Then
Heaven will be rest. Are you pas-
sionately fond of sweet sounds? Then
it will be music. Are you stirred
by pictures? There will be all the
colors on the new heavens and on
the jasper sea and the walls imbed-
ded with what splendors? Are you
fond of great architecture? There
you will find the temple of God and
the Lamb and the uplifted thrones.
Are you longing to get back to
your loved ones who have ascended?
Then it will be reunion. Are you a
home body? Then it will be home.
Here and there in this world you will
find some one who now lives where
he was born, and three or four gen-
erations may have dwelt in the same
house, but most people have had sev-
eral homes—the home of childhood,
the home they built or rented for
their early manhood, the home of
riper and more prosperous years.
But all homes put together, precious
as they are in remembrance or from
present occupancy, cannot equal the
heavenly home in the house of many
mansions. No sickness will ever
come there, for it is promised "there
shall be no more pain." No parting
at the front door, no last look at
faces never to be seen again, but
home with God, home with each
other, home forever. And that right
after the molting season, when "thy
youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Wings to hover free
Over dawn-empurpled seas;
Wings to hover free
And beyond depth governance.